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Title: Need to include Salem city in Tamil Nadu in the phase II project of Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): As per the policy of the Central Government, the Urban Development Scheme namely Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Phase 2 is scheduled to be launched shortly. I have been repeatedly pleading with the Government, for inclusion of Salem City in phase 1 itself. Citing resource constraints, the Government did not consider my request. Now the Government, has proposed to relax the population norm and Salem being a 2-tier city, with a population of 8.50 lakhs deserves to be included under phase-2. Rapid industrialization and increasing population, primarily due to migration, has taken a great toll on the civic needs of Salem city. Unless infrastructure facilities are improved and expanded, Salem city may face the perils of urbanization soon. Salem Municipal Corporation has already prepared a project report detailing the infrastructure requirements of the city.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has allocated funds under various schemes for Salem city. But still more funds are required for the development of the city.

To cope up with the increasing civic needs and for ensuring proper and balanced development, I request the Government to include Salem City, Tamil Nadu in the phase 2 project of the JNNURM.